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Dear Larry:

We are equally sorry not to be able to repeat your experiment with small inocula. So far the only circumstances under which small colony variants have been obtained have been in experiments which involve very considerable killing, and this of course leaves quite open the question of selection of spontaneous variants. You hinted that you might like to "be in the lab with your workers". If you can possibly find occasion to spend a week or two here, we would be delighted to have you go over our experiments.

I have no information at all on the DNA content of yeast. I will not demand a reply of course until you are finished with your current tour.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

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